

REMARKS

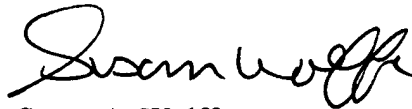
Claim 27 stands rejected under obviousness double patenting over U.S. Patent 6,150,057. Attached hereto is a Terminal Disclaimer signed by Martin G. Linihan, Attorney of Record. Withdrawal of the instant rejection is requested.

Claims 21-26 stand rejected over Berberick, U.S. Patent 5,154,992 (interfering subject matter). Claims 21-26 are canceled herein without prejudice and applicants reserve the right to file these claims in a continuation application. Applicants are entitled to their earliest filing date and reserve the right to provoke an interference in a continuation application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendment and remarks, withdrawal of the rejections and indication that the claims are allowable is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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